

Great Basin Coordination Group Meeting
March 31, 2003
Reno, NV.

Attendees:

Dave Lentz, NPS
Randy Hart, EGBCC
Kevin Hull, BLM-NV
Sheldon Wimmer, BLM-UT
Bill Clark, BLM-ID
Mike Dudley, USFS
Andy Anderson, FWS
Leon Ben, BIA
Dave Dalrymple, Utah State
Nelda Vorce, WGBCC
Bob Ashworth, Nevada State
Lee Englesby, NMAC
Tom Suwyn, BLM-UT
Dave Provencio, USFS
Paul Bannister, WGBCC
Danny Krutina, USFS

Topic: **Large Fire Cost Reduction Action Plan**

Discussion: 1. This is an interagency draft document.
2. Are there standard costs that could be plugged into the WFSA's? Not at this time.

Decisions: Mike Dudley will send this document out when it is finalized. (Done)

Topic: **NWCG**

Discussion: 1. Sometimes the process for issuing policy circumvents the proper chain of command.

Decision: 1 Do not take everything that comes out under the NWCG Letterhead as policy. Allow it to follow proper channels.

Topic: **National MAC – All Risk**

Discussion: 1. The Homeland Security Readiness Levels do have an impact on us.
2. Do they want only logistics support or experts in the field?
3. It doesn't appear that anyone has stood-up to say that our teams are NOT trained up for certain incidents.
4. The USFS FAM Action Plan sets priorities with Homeland security as number one, and natural resource protection as number four.

Decision: 1. The GBCG Controls the Type 2 Teams, and will push back an All Risk Assignment.
2. Using FedSouce may be the way to go instead of AD's for All Risk Incidents.

Topic: **Team Computers**

Discussion: 1. DOI cannot purchase computers at this time, however, USDA can purchase computers at this time.

2. DOI access to the internet may be an issue.

3. Fire Use Teams need one computer for each team.

4. The estimated cost is about \$1,500 per laptop.

Decision: 1. USFS committed \$ 20,000 to purchase the team computers

2. BLM (Idaho, Nevada, and Utah each committed \$10,000 each to purchase the team computers.

3. Any other money that becomes committed will chip-away at the USFS amount.

Topic: **GB Agreement and Charter**

Discussion: 1. Put a statement in the document, that says, “When the document is signed by an agency, it becomes effective for that agency.

2. Send out a signature page for each agency, then gather all signature pages and keep them on file.

Decision: 1. Mike Dudley will send out a Draft Charter to the GBCG.

Topic: **ROSS**

Discussion: 1. Implementation will not include initial attack at this time.

2. The Resource Tracking of ROSS will work, but we will also be using the old system at the same time.

3. There is still no crosswalk between Wildcad and ROSS.

4. New term was coined “Tech-no-lunch” means the latest technology, all the bells and whistles.

5. We need to try the ROSS System this year and provide meaningful feedback to help improve the system.

6. We know there will be problems, but we need to work through them.

Decision: WGB and EGB will forward their feedback to Dan Krutina to document the issues and officially send them up the chain of command over Mike Dudley’s signature.

Topic: **Kim Martin’s Team**

Discussion: 1. Paul Hefner cannot be the Deputy IC on Kim Martin’s Team; he just accepted a new position on the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF.

Decision: 1. Steve Raddatz will replace Paul Hefner as Kim Martin’s Deputy IC.

2. Check and see if Mark O’Brian will be available to replace Steve Raddatz as the PSC1 on Kim Martin’s Team.

Topic: **Competitive Sourcing**

Discussion: 1. The USFS will be looking to Fire and Aviation for competitive sourcing in 2005.

2. We need to be proactive with our managers on this issue.

Decision: No change.

Topic: **Severity Funding**

Discussion: 1. Discussion items included: Spreadsheets, Coordination, Standard Unit Costs, and Long-term Assessments.

Decision: 1. The USFS will be using the spreadsheet that was presented this year.
2. We will discuss severity needs as a standard topic on our conference calls this year.
3. There will be two long-term assessments written this year.
4. The BIA needs the severity requests forwarded to them for coordination documentation.

Topic: **DOI Red Book**

Discussion: 1. The 2003 version was released today.
2. The BIA published a “Blue Book” of their Operations Guide for 2003

Decision: No Decision.

Topic: **National Coordination Center Workshop Summary**

Discussion: 1. In 2003, the “fill or kill” orders will have a shelf life of 48 hours.
2. Only the top 5 incidents will be prioritized by the Coordination Group.
3. Pre-positioning of air-tankers will be set nationally, but will try to keep them at their home bases if they can.
4. There is a national need to remain flexible on positioning the type 1 and type 2 helicopters.

Next Meeting:

June 4, 2003 at Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center beginning at 1000 hours.